

Recommendations and Timeframe for an Oversight Process Joint Health Policy Oversight Committee

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Recommendations

Between 2009 and 2010 Legislative session

1. Clarify Expectations of the Agency. Conduct a review that will determine to what extent the enabling legislation and subsequent modifications to the statute, as well as communications or other directives from the Legislature to KHPA, may have created ambiguity about expectations and roles. A scope, timeline and budget could be developed before the end of the 2009 legislative session, and the review completed before the 2010 legislative session.
2. Develop Benchmark Performance Indicators. Develop a list of benchmark performance indicators, collaboratively with KHPA, that the agency will be required to report to the Committee on a schedule to be determined. The selected indicators should draw on those already identified by the agency and included in their recently developed Kansas Health Indicators and 2009-2012 strategic plan. They also should reflect the interests and expectations of the Committee.
3. Develop Plan for Reporting. Develop a plan for KHPA to report on benchmark performance indicators and selected legislative expectations. This information could be reported in the Annual Report, other reports to the Committee, in testimony, or a combination of these.

During each legislative session from 2010 – 2013

4. KHPA Reports Information. KHPA reports to the legislature, in accordance with the plan established above.
5. Identify Reviews. The Joint Health Policy Oversight Committee could identify and authorize one to two specific reviews, from the list of identified topics or of other topics that are determined to be of interest to the Committee. Develop a short-term and long-term priority order for their completion.

The information from these reviews, the agency reporting and other sources will be useful to the legislature in considering the continuation of the agency beyond the originally scheduled sunset on July 1, 2013. This process should balance the resource requirements of the Committee, KHPA, LPA and others to conduct the reviews with their urgency and value to the Committee.